



# NEWS RELEASE

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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**KC MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS**  
**FOR AMMUNITION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man has been sentenced in federal court for illegally possessing ammunition.

**Travis H. Owens**, 42, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple on Monday to 15 years in federal prison without parole.

On July 29, 2005, **Owens** pleaded guilty to being in possession of ammunition on Jan. 24, 2004, after having been convicted of six felony crimes. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Owens** was carrying 26 .22-caliber bullets in his jeans pocket when he was stopped by police officers.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

**Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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